REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 47 has been amended to conform to the preamble language used in MPEP § 2106.01. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Applicants request entry of this Rule 312 Response and Request for Reconsideration because the amendment of claim 47 should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or no new issues are being raised.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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